

The Skillman Foundation Presents

GOOD STUFF

for kids & families

Congratulations to the 2008 Youth Garden Grant Winners!!

Leland Community Affairs, Inc. is an outreach of Leland Baptist Church and focuses on after-school and summer enrichment programs for youth, ages 4-18.

It also provides family support for the needs of the families in Brightmoor. ♦ Leland has been in the Brightmoor community of Detroit for over 30 years, and youth programming is a strong component of its service plan.

Leland Community Affairs services over 50 or more youth each year in various ways during the summer and after school. ♦ For the past four years, Leland has developed its own Rites of Passage Experience (ROPE) initiative, which is founded on principles outlined in six categories. ♦ The principles focus on providing academic, technical and vocational skills, physical, social and economic challenges that promote growth development. ♦ Youth begin in the program at age four and may



- continue until they are 18. ♦ They are
- congratulated at the end of each
- development period, and celebrated at
- a milestone event during their 18th
- birthday!

- The efforts of over 25 youth, ages 4-18,
- worked on a community garden this
- past summer. ♦ The group submitted
- photos of its work to The Home Depot
- National Gardening Contest and ...
- WON!

- Leland's kids and the gardening
- program itself have been selected from
- over 700 other inspiring kids'
- gardening programs from all across the
- country.

- What an incredible accomplishment!

- The letter from Michael Metallo,
- President of The National Gardening
- Association said, "You have been
- selected as one of the winners because
- your application illustrated a high level
- of commitment to youth gardening. ♦
- The combination of clearly stated goals,

curricular connections, and careful planning ... exemplifies a well-planned program that is likely to be well-maintained and sustainable."

The group receives a \$500 gift card from The Home Depot, a Garden Grant Winner sign, an activity package full of useful and interesting gardening publications, year-long NGA Support benefits, including free gardening and botany classes, and a nice discount at NGA's Gardening with Kids store.

The project is also listed on www.kidsgardening.org, representing Detroit and the Brightmoor community!

For more information about Leland Community Affairs Inc., located at 22420 Fenkell, call 313.538.7077 or 538.7078.

Let's not forget to give amazing kudos to Leland's Youth Program Director, Bernadine Hoston, for her tireless commitment to the children in Brightmoor for more than 25 years!



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